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Docket No. PD-990066
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James A. Michener

Serial No. 09/345,659

Filed: June 30, 1999

For: DELIVERY AND TRANSMISSION OF DOLBY DIGITAL

AC-3 OVER TELEVISION BROADCAST

Date: March 24, 2006

Group Art Unit: 2655

Examiner: Michael N. Opsasnick

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for () month(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____.
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____
is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated January 31, 2006.
However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

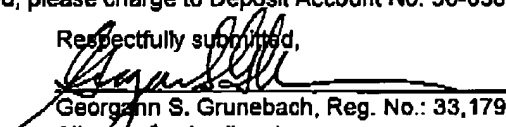
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☒ The claims have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE					
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	minus	27*	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	5**	=	0	x	\$ 200.00	\$	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0	+			0	+	\$ 360.00	\$	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	0

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Respectfully submitted,


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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 31, 2006, please amend
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